

Appl. No. 10/632,672
Response Dated September 29, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed June 29, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed June 29, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed September 7, 2005. Claims 3, 15, and 16 have been canceled and claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, and 4-14 are pending. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed a supplemental IDS that was received by the PTO on December 1, 2004 listing two US patents and one European patent. Applicants have not received a copy of the initialed 1449 and again request the Examiner provide a copy with the next Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for stating that claims 6-14 are allowed and claims 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

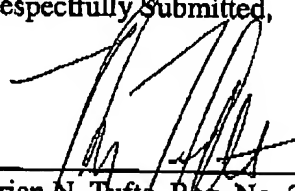
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, and 5 remain rejected as being unpatentable over Zurek et al. (US 5,576,218). Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection, however, in the interest of furthering prosecution, the elements of claim 3 have been added to independent claim 1. Claim 3 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants submit that Zurek et al. do not teach or suggest a microcontroller coupled to the first and second ports, as is now recited in independent claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested. It is submitted that, in light of the above remarks, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

Respectfully Submitted,



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